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SUBJECT: (C) KUWAITI FM DISCUSSES IRAN/IAEA

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11. (C) Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Sabah told the Ambassador September 30 that Kuwait has told Iran it must sign the NPT Additional Protocol (AP), and he expects the GCC states to press this point at the OIC Summit in Kuala Lumpur. He also expects Iran to make a big push for support at that Summit. Dr. Mohammed agreed with the Ambassador that the world is united on this issue, it is not just the US that is concerned. He said IAEA DG El-Baradei has no hidden agenda.

12. (C) The FM was not sure whether Iran had managed to insert any language into the OIC Summit communique, which was being negotiated in New York, but he promised to try to find out.

13. (C) Dr. Mohammed wanted to know what exactly the US demands that Iran do by the October 31 deadline: sign the AP, or persuade IAEA that it does not have a nuclear weapons program? The Ambassador replied that signing the AP is important but not sufficient. He emphasized that the burden of proof is on Iran to, inter alia, prove that it has not diverted nuclear material to non-peaceful purposes. He shared with the Minister cleared NEA press guidance for the 9/29 Noon Briefing.

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